

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in the amendments made above and the remarks which follow.

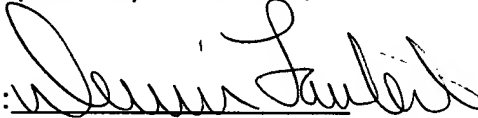
Claim 1 has been amended to ~~define a structure~~ that clearly is not shown in the references of record, and should therefore be allowable over the references of record.

Similarly, since all of the remaining ~~claims in the application~~, except new claims 21 and 22, depend either directly or indirectly from amended claim 1, the remaining claims in the application should also be allowable.

Claims 21 and 22 represent claims 5 and 11 rewritten in independent form. Claims 5 and 11, and the claims dependent therefrom, were indicated in the aforementioned Office Action as being allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the subject matter of the base claim and any intervening claims.

An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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